A.—The information desired is furnished below :—

Question No. 212—

(*a*) The Madras Medical College was started in 1835.

(*b*) (i) Number of students reading for the M.B.B.S. course, 334.
(ii) Number of students reading for L.M.S. course, 101.

(*c*) Two of the former and one of the latter are Muhammadans; the rest are non-Muhammadans.

(*d*) There is no hostel attached to the College.

(*e*) A few of the students are accommodated in the Victoria Hostel, Triplicane. The majority, however, are accommodated in lodgings which have to be passed after inspection by the College authorities.

(*f*) The construction of a hostel formed part of the scheme connected with the transfer of the General Hospital and the Medical College to the Spur Tank site.

Owing to financial difficulties, it has not yet been found possible to carry out the scheme.

Admission into the medical colleges and schools.

551 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table the information said to have been called for in reply to my question No. 214 regarding the admission to the medical colleges and schools asked at the meeting of the 14th September 1922, if received?

A.—The information desired is furnished below :—

		Number of Muhammadans admitted in 1922.	Number of non-Muhammadans admitted in 1922.
Medical College, Madras	..	2	89
Medical School, Vizagapatam	..	1	59
Do. Rayapuram	..	..	55
Do. Tanjore	..	1	91
Do. Calicut ..	..	..	48

The Vizagapatam school was filled entirely with Telugu students. Of the Telugu students who could not be accommodated there, some were sent to the Rayapuram school and a few to the Tanjore school.

The Panchayat courts.

552 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the panchayat courts are invested with civil and magisterial powers; and

(*b*) whether such panchayat courts as are invested with magisterial powers may be considered as courts of Bench Magistrates?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the Village Courts Act.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.